GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Number of Hostels
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels in the Universities across the country, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
(b) whether the number of available hostels is adequate in proportion to the student population in various universities in the country, and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether inadequate number of hostels in universities is causing hindrance to the students" education and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government is formulating a scheme in collaboration with the universities to make up the shortage of hostels and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that it has, so far, approved 3,920 hostels to Universities and Colleges in various States/Union Territories (UTs) in the country. State/UT-wise list of hostels approved by UGC in Universities and Colleges including Bihar is at Annexure.
(b) to (d): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 2014-15 Report, 34.2 million students were enrolled in 760 universities in the country. Thus, the number of hostels approved by UGC is not adequate in proportion to the number of students enrolled in these Universities which may lead to some inconvenience to the students.
UGC provides block grants to Universities and Colleges under its General Development Assistance Scheme to carry out various activities including construction of hostels. The Universities and Colleges are free to prioritise execution of activities under this scheme. To ensure adequate hostels for women students, UGC also assists eligible colleges for construction of hostels under its construction of women's hostels scheme on the basis of the proposals received from them.
Further, infrastructure grants released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), can inter-alia be utilized for creation/upgradation of hostels etc. in State Universities and Colleges to address their selfassessed critical infrastructure needs.
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